

For What It's Worth



Janice Nelson, Editor

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Editor's Comment

Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour! This is the start of the loveliest time of year at Alpine Lake. The sun is just a bit warmer and the days are getting longer. (We just have to get past this coming stormy, frigid week!) You will find so many new articles in this edition of FWIW that will want you to BURST into spring! For your planting pleasure, our very own Community Garden has some available plots; if you are interested in red spruce seedlings to plant around Alpine, we got them here for FREE; the Garden Club Convention is scheduled for the end of this month at the Greenbrier Hotel. Make sure to read the articles about Game Night, TA Ambulance Squad Gun Bash, and much more! It's getting to be that busy time of the year again, so stay informed and read all about the "happenings" at the Lake and nearby! Until next time...

The next FWIW will be issued on Friday, March 24th. Please email all articles to me, Janice Nelson, at mamaj11@yahoo.com. Only use the FWIW box on the lobby counter IF you do not have access to a computer. Please keep your article brief so we can fit all the latest news in each issue. Thanks for your cooperation and participation.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE & NEARBY

ALPINE COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS FOR 2017 by Frank Ross

If any Alpine Lake property owner wants to try out their green thumbs and rock digging skills and are interested in a garden plot this year, please let me know. Plot sizes are about 18 x 18 feet. (Half plots are 9 x 18.) Currently, one full plot and one half are immediately available. Fees for this year will be \$10 to cover costs of tiller repair, equipment maintenance, pump and fencing upkeep. If we have more demand than lots, you will be added to a wait list. Spring is just around the corner. Call Frank Ross at (304) 789-2204.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The West Virginia Garden Club Convention, "LEAP - Loving Earth, Animals and Plants," will be held at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV on March 29th & 30th. It is following the South Atlantic Region Convention which commences March 26th. Several members of our local Cranberry Garden Club will be in attendance. Also attending will be Joyce Wachter who will be displaying and selling her *Red Cottage Arts* decor. Joyce creates decor from natural pieces of wood, moss and acorns and, in the past, has sold her work in the Lodge gift shop, the Annual Alpine Craft show and Oktoberfest.

EAST PRESTON LIONS CLUB by *Kathleen Berry*

The East Preston Lions Club is selling quality handmade straw brooms as a Club fund-raiser. We have household brooms for \$11 and heavy-duty brooms for \$12. The funds from this and any other future East Preston Lions Club fundraisers will be reinvested in the Terra Alta community in the form of eye glasses for needy children and adults, youth sports, school projects, and many other Lions Club projects benefitting the community. If you would like to purchase a broom, please contact Fred Isenock at (304) 698-3470.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT by *Tony Amato*

This is just a friendly reminder that Alpine Lake offers a home medical equipment loaner program free of charge to Alpine Lake property owners. Depending on availability, we have various types of medical equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower seats, etc. There is no time limit on the equipment, but we would appreciate the equipment is returned ASAP so it is available for another user.

To make arrangements for borrowing a piece of equipment, or for any questions, please contact Tony Amato: home (304) 789-5555 or cell (304) 694-0561. We also accept donations of equipment!

HOUSE CLEANING SERVICES NEEDED

Property owner in search of a reliable and thorough house cleaner for house on Lakeview Drive. If you know of anyone or if you are interested, please call Angela at (703) 405-6506. References needed, please.

SHUFFLEBOARD by *Curtis Walker*

February 9th was the first week of shuffleboard since Seasons closed. I'm not sure if the word had gotten out to everyone, but we are still having shuffleboard on Thursday nights at 6pm. We only had 4 teams play this week: the Laings, Tuckers, Walkers and Rocchis. Dave Tucker, Sally Rocchi, and Pat Laing all had hangers. The Tuckers went undefeated and the evening ended with Tuckers in first, Laings in second and Walkers in third.

On February 16th, six teams showed and we played to 15 (Pat said it was okay). Teddi Cox brought her margarita machine and treated everyone (John Laing said she only brought it to get everyone drunk so we would shoot crooked). Only two skunks for the night and not one hanger. The longest game of the night went to Lisa Walker and Bernie Howe vs. the "Dreaded Laings." The Laings won 18-6. Laings vs Tuckers for the top spot (Pat gained a new nickname "Mountain Momma"). The Laings won twice. The Laings in first, Tuckers second, Walkers third.

Earlier in the week of February 22nd, Bernie Howe and I leveled the shuffleboard table. We kept it a secret, I got sick and didn't show. Lisa went and partnered with Bernie. Word got back to me that no one liked the "level" table. Oh, well, two hangers for the night, Pat and Ginger (Girl Power). Dave Tucker was struggling, Sheila and Tony showed and ended up in second place. The Laings first, Amatos second, Herndons third.

We still have a few weeks left in March for shuffleboard so come out and enjoy the evening with your fellow property owners.

FREE RED SPRUCE SEEDLINGS by Beverly Serpone

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY will provide Alpine Lake Resort 500 Red Spruce (*Picea rubens*) seedlings to be used by the community and property owners. All **they** ask is that all of the seedlings are planted and **we** ask that they are planted in Alpine Lake Resort only.

As per the The Nature Conservancy, the Red Spruce once covered thousands of acres in western Maryland before logging and wildfires at the turn of the last century drastically reduced its range. Planting these seedlings will accelerate restoration of forest cover and regeneration of this (deer resistant) native tree.

Please note that these seedlings are small and slow growing. Planting should be quick and easy; however patience will be required to see our properties transformed by these trees. Seedlings will be limited to a dozen per property owner. More may be available if few requests are made. Please note that a number of seedlings will be held back and planted by volunteers in the common areas of Alpine Lake.

Email your name and number of seedlings requested to: bserpone@aol.com.

Seedlings will be available during the week of April 24th. More detailed information (date, time, pick-up location) will be made available at a later date.



Red Spruce seedling at two years after transplanting.

GAME NIGHT by *John Laing*

One of the long standing activities at Alpine Lake is game night on Wednesday evenings, at the Boathouse, unless the weather is really cold in which case we play at the Lodge. Tradition has those participating bring a snack to share (first time attendees do not need to bring anything). The most common games are hand-and-foot (a card game) and Mexican train dominoes, but other games have been played and suggestions for additional games are welcome. All games are easy and we can teach you as you play. We start at 7pm and play usually runs until about 9pm. It is an opportunity to meet and share good times with your neighbors. Hope to see you there.

TERRA ALTA AMBULANCE SQUAD by *Marilyn Metheny*

The Terra Alta Community Ambulance Squad is sponsoring their annual gun bash on Saturday, March 25th at the Craig Civic Center in Kingwood WV. Doors open at 11:30am, last guns drawn at 5pm.

Drawing begins at noon, a gun given away every 15 minutes, with numbers electronically drawn. You do not need to be present to win. Additional raffles will also be available.

Food by Smokin' BBQ and refreshments will be available all day. Tickets \$30, additional guest \$20 at the door and children, 12 and under, \$10.

Tony and Sheila Amato can get you tickets and they also available at Street's Store in Masontown, Craig Civic Center and Surveyor and Associates in Kingwood, Shaffer Ford in Oakland, Groves Hardware, Ball Pre-owned Auto, Kam's Florist and the Terra Alta Ambulance building in Terra Alta, any member or by calling (304) 789-6006 or (304) 789-6566.

BLOOD MOBILE DRIVE by *Marilyn Metheny, Chairperson*

The blood drives are on Thursday, March 23rd; Thursday, May 25th; Thursday, July 27th; Friday, September 22nd and Wednesday, December 27th.

All drives start at Noon and end 5:30pm at the Terra Alta Ambulance hall.

Donors can register online on the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org), click on rapidpass, complete the questions, and then print the form. If you bring it to the hall, you can save possibly 10-15 minutes at donation.

We appreciate the support of the folks at Alpine for this worthy cause.

REMINDER: TERRA ALTA FOOD BANK

There is an ongoing need to replenish supplies at our local food bank so please add your donations to help this worthy cause. There is a box inside the front foyer of the Lodge for your convenience.

PROPERTY OWNER'S COMMITTEE by *Bernie and Birgit Stock*

Reminder that the first POC Activity/Fundraiser will be on May 6th at the Boathouse. Our annual Kentucky Derby Party will again provide fun, food and wagering for PO's and their guests ONLY. In the coming issues of FWIW, we will have the list of the six Alpine Races and an opportunity to purchase one or more of this year's 36 entries. Of course, there is always the big "Run for the Roses" to cap off the day. Whether you come to eat, drink, wager or just to enjoy the day with friends, please mark your calendars for the afternoon of May 6th and spread the word.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE by Boris Nazaroff
2017 Board of Directors Positions

Three (3) ALPOA Board of Directors positions will be up for re-election on June 24, 2017. Any interested Alpine Lake property owner in good standing* is eligible to run for one of these positions. Each position entails a term of three (3) years. All interested candidates are encouraged to contact me in any of three ways:

1. Via Mail: Boris Nazaroff, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee,
700 West Alpine Drive, Terra Alta, WV 26764
2. Via Telephone: 571 926 6388
3. Via E-Mail: bnazaroff@gmail.com

Please remember that the deadline for submission of your intention to be an ALPOA Board of Director candidate is 5pm, March 15, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please feel free to contact me as indicated above.

* Good Standing means (a) association dues are up-to-date and (b) have not been declared to be in violation of restrictive covenants of ALPOA.

ALPUC NEWS by Kim Mayne, General Manager

ALPUC is pleased to announce that “Project Woodbine” has begun. This project was first announced in ALPUC’s Open meeting March 21st, 2015 and subsequent open meetings, as well as the 2015 and 2016 Annual meetings. In brief, this will involve replacing the existing 10” main pumping line from our Davis Tank on Woodbine down to the intersection with East Alpine Drive at the Lake which is slightly over 2,000 feet. This line has been the cause of many leaks that resulted in outages over numerous years.

For the last two years ALPUC has worked diligently with our Engineer from Stantec and the WV State Bureau of Public Health to design and obtain the permission and permits required for the project. We have budgeted and made good use of funds that were originally used to pay B&O Tax to ensure we would have the monies required to pay for the project.

We have completed the bid stage of the project and have awarded the Contract to Dan’s Marine Service, Inc. from Grafton, WV. They contacted us stating they had a current opening in their schedule and could begin the project. This project should take no longer than 60 days, weather permitting. The new line will first be laid alongside the existing line so that we can provide continued service until the new line is put into operation. We will work with the homeowners along the construction area as the project progresses. We ask that others avoid the area during construction as our engineering team from Stantec, the ALPUC staff and Dan’s Marine Service work efficiently and effectively toward the completion of “Project Woodbine.” We will keep customers informed of needed information on our website (www.alpuc.com) and customer emails we have on file. We encourage you to attend our next scheduled open meeting on March 18th at 9am at the Lodge where the ALPUC Board will discuss the progress of the project and answer any questions you may have. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to enhance our water system.



FROM MANAGEMENT & STAFF

Linette Sines - *General Manager*

Rainbow Head Trout Farm was here on Saturday to stock the lake with our annual rainbow trout delivery. The lake will be closed for fishing until Sunday, March 12th, to allow the fish to adjust to their new surroundings. Be on the lookout for our resident bald eagle who has not adhered to the fishing ban!



We are still waiting on several items before we can open the restaurant (i.e., permits, Point of Sale equipment, television service, etc.) We are getting closer to opening but I still cannot provide you with an accurate date of when we will officially reopen.

The Board is asking for property owner input on two topics of concern: the [draft fire pit policy](#) and setting the assessment amount for the coming year. Both the fire pit policy and [finance committee suggestions](#) will be posted online and will also be available at the front desk. Additional pertinent information will be included with the postings. Share your views through a short survey document which also includes a section for comments. Please take advantage of this opportunity to inform the Board of your opinions on these matters. You can access the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMT6JJM. There are also extra copies available at the front desk.

AN UPDATE FROM THE BOARD by *Barb Conway*

The Board recognizes that the scheduling of meetings in the winter months can create an informational gap for property owners who do not attend the meetings, either in person, or through GoTo Meeting. Therefore, the Board has approved a procedure to address this time lag. The draft minutes will be sent electronically to all Board members for additions and corrections; then, after input has been received, a final copy will be electronically sent to all Board members for approval. Once approval has been given, the minutes will be posted on our website. This system should definitely address the winter delay, but during the months when two sessions are scheduled, the effect of this new process will be minimal. The timeline for approval and posting of minutes will remain flexible, but Community Chat will inform property owners when the minutes have been posted.

The Board is asking for property owner input on two topics of concern: the draft fire pit policy, and setting the assessment amount for the coming year. Both the draft fire pit policy and finance committee suggestions will be posted online, and also available at the front desk. Additional pertinent information will be included with the postings. You are asked to share your views through a survey document, which includes a section for comments. Please take advantage of this opportunity to inform the board of your opinions on these matters.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS – “A Service for our Community”

Editor’s Note: Ads will run in 4 issues, and then be deleted, unless new ones are resubmitted.

This will be accomplished by inserting the date the ad was first run, with new ads at the top of the listing.

Remember to notify me if your item is no longer available, too. Thank you.

Items for Sale: Rocker Recliner \$200. Recliner has three positions: upright, slightly back with foot rest up, and all the way reclined, 46 W, 34 D, 40 H, solid wood frame, tan faux leather, soft and in great condition. Howard Miller Jennison 612-221 wall clock. Lists new for \$1,577 on Amazon, will sell for only \$500. Finish is Vintage Mahogany. The front-opening door is beveled glass. A polished brass lyre pendulum swings by a beat plate. Key-wound, triple chime movement with chime silence option. H. 33-1/2" W. 14-3/4" D. 7-1/2" Heckman End Table with one drawer. Beautiful inlay border, mahogany. Excellent condition. 26”L x 20-1/2”W x 23-1/2”H. Call Pam at (443) 904-7100. (3-10)

Lot for Sale: Due to our advanced ages, we must sell one of our lots in the Birchesgarden section. We are only asking \$200 OBO for this very nice wooded lot on Goldfinch Lane. The lot is BG 64. Contact me by e-mail if you are interested. Lorrie MacArgle solitude33@frontier.com (2/24)

Propane: Looking for cheaper propane? Send me an e-mail (hmas888@frontier.com) or call 304-789-6855 and I will give you the details. --Herman Mason (2/10)

Tax Services: Dorinda Kisner, CPA, and staff providing professional services for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Tax planning, compliance, estimated payments, consulting and accounting services locally in Terra Alta. Contact us at (304) 789-6082 or email at questions@kisnercpa.com.

Watch Batteries: Batteries available for most watches – \$1 installed for most or under \$1 if you install it yourself. Contact John Laing (304) 789-6120.

Pet Sitting & House Checks. Call Kay Bayer (304) 789-2111

ALPINE LAKE LODGE HOURS

FRONT DESK

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 4pm

Friday & Saturday: 8am – 5pm

Sunday: 8am – 3pm

RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Temporarily Closed

PRO SHOP

REOPENS ON APRIL 1st

FITNESS CENTER

OPEN DAILY from 7am – 9pm

POOL

OPEN DAILY from 8am-9pm

DATES TO REMEMBER (*A handy summary of dates to put on your calendar now*)

Please note that the following events occur **weekly** on the day and time noted:

- Mondays** 10am - 3pm – **Sew Together**, Rhododendron Room
 - Tuesdays** 10am – 11am – **Weight Loss Support Group** – Rhododendron Room
 - Mon., Wed., Fri** 9am-10am – **Power Aerobics** – Lodge
 - Tues. & Thurs.** 8am- **Water Aerobics** - Pool
 - Wednesdays** 10am – **Needlework Club** - Rhododendron Room
6 -7pm - **Jammers** – Rhododendron Room (except the first Wed. of each month)
7pm – **Property Owners Game Night**, Boathouse
 - Thursdays** 6pm – **SHUFFLEBOARD** – SEASONS Lounge
 - Thursdays** 10am - Noon – **Braille Workshop** – Rhododendron Room
- Note:* **Dump Open:** Tues/Thurs 7am – 4pm & Saturdays 7am-4pm
T.A. Recycling Plant Open: Tues/Thurs 8am–4pm, and Saturdays 8am ‘til Noon

Also – monthly events:

- 2nd Sunday of each month – 7am – 1pm – **Kingwood VFD Breakfast**
- 3rd Saturday of each month – 9am – **ALPUC Board Meeting** (meets March, June’s annual mtg., Sept., Nov.)
- 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month: 7pm - **East Preston Lions Club Meeting**
First Tuesday meeting is held at Shorthorns
Third Tuesday meeting is in the Rhododendron Room

Next POA Board Meeting - Saturday, March 18th at 10am
ALPUC Open Meeting – Saturday, March 18th at 9am

COMING EVENTS (Please put on your calendar now – don’t miss a thing – watch for more details):

- Thurs., March 23rd -** 12pm – 5:30pm - **TA Blood Drive** @ TA Ambulance Hall
- Fri., March 24th -** Next publication of **FWIW**—email articles by Wed., March 22nd
- Sat., March 25th -** 11:30am - **TA Ambulance Squad Gun Bash** – Craig Civic Ctr., Kingwood, WV
- Wed. March 29th -** **WV Garden Club Convention** – Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV
- Thurs. March 30th -** **WV Garden Club Convention** – Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV
- Sat., May 6th -** **Kentucky Derby** - Boathouse